Fainne Seal an Laoi

( the dawning of the day)

This pattern is for a cropped cardigan to fit a seven year old. It is made from yarn by Mary Cooper of Markree Wool Craft, in County Sligo, called A Soft Morning. The yarn, made from Wensleydale cross, is a soft greyish purple colour with Sugar Plum Angelina through it. The cardigan is knitted seamlessly from the top down using a yoke made from a cable pattern. Stitches are picked up along the edge of the braid to form the main pattern.

Skill Level: Intermediate

Skills used:

- Knitting in the round
- Pick up and knit
- Knitting cables
- Top down seamless knitting
- Decreasing and increasing stitches

Knits in: 20 hours
Measurements:

From the top right of the button band, down the front, round the back and up the left front, measures 130cm.

Yarn

- 140 grams, 346 yards Markree Wool Craft A Soft Morning Wensleydale x yarn with angelina (1 skein) (dk weight)

Needles

- 4mm (USA size 6) 100 cm circular needles
- 4mm (USA size 6) double points
- 4.5mm (USA size 7)
- 5mm (USA size 8)
- Cable needle (I usually just use a double point)

Other

- Stitch markers
- Tapestry needle
- 3 buttons and thread

Care:

Hand wash only, reshape while wet.
Tension/ Gauge

28 rows by 18 stitches = 10 cm square in Stocking stitch

Abbreviations

k Knit
p Purl
k2tog Knit two stitches together
ssk Slip 1 knitwise, slip 1 knitwise, return to left needle and knit two stitches together through back loop
Yrn Yarn around the needle to make a stitch
C4f Cable four front: place the next 2 stitches on cable needle, hold to front, knit next 2 stitches, then knit 2 from cable needle
C4b Cable four back: place the next 2 stitches on cable needle, hold to back, knit next 2 stitches, then knit 2 from cable needle
ss Stocking stitch
Gs Garter stitch
kfb Increase by one stitch by knitting into the front and back of the stitch
Pm Place marker
Sm Slip marker
puk Pick up and knit
pkso Pass knit stitch over
ppso Pass purl stitch over

Pattern

Make cable band

Cast on 14 Stitches with 4.5mm needles

Row 1: K1, p1, k1, c4b, c4b, k1, p1, k1 (14 stitches)
Row 2: K1, p1, k1, p8, k1, p1, k1 (14)
Row 3: K1, p1, k3, c4f, k3, p1, k1 (14)
Row 4: K1, p1, k1, p8 ,k1, p1, k1 (14)

Repeat these 4 rows for cable pattern until band measures 64 cm in length. Cast off
**Main Cardigan**

With right side facing, puk 88 stitches using 4mm circular needle

Row 1: k3, kfb (22 times) (110 stitches)
Row 2: k
Row 3: k4, kfb (22 times) (132)
Row 4: k
Row 5: k5, kfb (22 times) (154)
Work in garter stitch until the piece measures 10cm from edge

On rs row, k1, 'k4, kfb,' (22 times) k1 (192)
Work in stocking stitch until the piece measures 14cm from edge

**Divide for sleeves**

With right side facing, k28, place the next 40 stitches on waste yarn for right sleeve, cast on 8 stitches (I turn the work and use a cable cast on, turn needles back when stitches are cast on) k56, place the next 40 stitches on waste yarn, cast on 8, k28 (128 stitches)

Work in ss until the piece measures 18 cm from edge (128)

**Shape lower cardigan**

On next right side row: k3, ssk, knit until 5 stitches remain, k2tog, k3 (126)
Purl next row
Repeat these two rows 9 times more (108)
Leave these stitches on needle

**Button Band**

With 4mm needle and with right side facing, puk 50 stitches from left front, k 108 stitches from needle, puk 50 stitches from right front. (208)
Work 4 rows in garter stitch

**Buttonhole row**

k2, k2tog, yrn twice, k2to5, k6, k2to5, yrn twice, k2to5,k6, k2to5, yrn twice, k2to5, k until end of row (208)
Knit 3 more rows (ensure to knit through front loop of 1st yrn and back loop of 2nd each time)
Cast off loosely using 5mm needle. Use a stretchy method of cast off. (I used a rib cast off, k1, p1, pkso,k1, ppso etc.)

**Sleeves (make 2)**

Place 40 stitches on 4mm double points
Join yarn, puk 4, pm, puk4, from armhole base (48)
Join in round, careful not to twist stitches
Knit 3 rows in ss
K2, k2to5, sm, k2to5, k42 (46)
Knit 3 rows in ss
K1, k2to5, sm, k2to5, k41 (44)
Change to ss for the next 3 rows (purl, knit, purl)
k2to5, sm, k2to5, k 40 (42)
Cast off loosely using 5mm needle. Use a stretchy method of cast off. (I used a rib cast off, k1, p1, pkso,k1, ppso etc.)

Weave in ends

Block to measurements

Sew buttons on button band using matching thread or yarn.